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## **NNSA Issues Final Request for Proposals for Los Alamos National Laboratory Contractor**

**WASHINGTON, DC** -- The Department of Energy's (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has issued a final Request for Proposals (RFP) for the competitive selection of a management and operating contractor for Los Alamos National Laboratory located in Los Alamos, NM.

In April, 2003 former Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham announced that DOE would compete the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) contract. NNSA issued a draft RFP in December, 2004 and solicited comments from potential bidders, LANL employees and retirees, government officials and other members of the public. The final RFP issued today includes revisions based on the comments submitted to NNSA.

The final RFP includes provisions to reward excellence through performance incentive fees and term extensions. Potential offerors have 60 days to submit proposals, which are due by July 19. NNSA anticipates announcing an award by December 1, 2005.

Proposals will be evaluated and assessed against the criteria contained in the RFP by a Source Evaluation Board (SEB), a panel of career NNSA officials chaired by Tyler Przybylek, NNSA's former general counsel. The SEB will submit its evaluation to a source selection official, Thomas P. D'Agostino. D'Agostino, who is the acting deputy administrator for Defense Programs, will make the contract award decision.

The NNSA Los Alamos Site Office is currently seeking approval to extend the existing contract, which is set to expire September 30, 2005.

The final RFP describes the criteria NNSA will use in selecting a future contractor. Key criteria include the potential contractor's management approach to conducting world-class science and technology; achieving excellence in laboratory operations and business operations; the naming of key personnel, including the proposed laboratory director; and past management performance.

The final RFP is publicly available at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Management and Operating (M&O) Contract Competition Website:

<http://www.doeal.gov/LANLContractRecompete/RFP.htm>.

Los Alamos is a multi-program laboratory, funded at approximately \$2.1 billion by NNSA, other DOE programs, and other government agencies and private industry. The University of California has operated the laboratory since 1943 for DOE and its predecessors.

The principal mission of LANL is to strengthen American security by applying world-class science and technology to enhance the nation's security through stockpile stewardship and reduce the global threat from terrorism and weapons of mass destruction. The contractor will be required to provide the intellectual leadership and management expertise necessary and appropriate to manage, operate and staff the laboratory and to accomplish the missions assigned by NNSA.

NNSA enhances U.S. national security through the military application of nuclear energy, maintains the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile, promotes international nuclear nonproliferation and safety, reduces global danger from weapons on mass destruction, provides the U.S. Navy with safe and effective nuclear propulsion, and oversees its national laboratories to maintain U.S. leadership in science technology.

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